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Notice to post employees

Notice to employees in exclusive bargaining units; right of representation:

1. Pursuant to Section 7114(1)(2)(8) of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations (FLSMR) statute, this is to inform you that the exclusive representative of employees in the bargaining unit must be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination of an employee in a bargaining unit by a management representative in connection with an investigation if —
 - a. The employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee, and,
 - b. The employee requests representation.

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Tax Center offers services

The Fort Riley Tax Center will once again offer free income tax preparation to Soldiers, their family members, and retirees. The Tax Center will help prepare and e-file federal tax returns and will also assist in preparing state returns. Persons wishing to file should bring proof of identification including social security cards for all family members along with any tax forms and a copy of last year's return.

The Fort Riley Tax Center is located in building 7434B, directly across from the bowling alley on Custer Hill. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Call 239-1040 for more information or an appointment.

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- Cannon salute to former President Gerald Ford
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance
- Post-wide graduation
- Interview with the parents of OIF MIA Sgt. Matt Maupin
- Army news year in review including environmental, Corps of Engineers and Army medical news
- CAB door gunnery at Smoky Hill Range

Provincial control desired end-state

By Master Sgt. Dave Larsen
Army News Service

BAGHDAD - A little more than two weeks into his own transition as the commanding general of the Multi-National Division - Baghdad, Maj. Gen. Joseph F. Fil, Jr. has already met twice with Iraqi provincial government leaders and is determined to continue to help move the process forward.

"All four provinces are coming along smoothly, making positive strides every day," Fil said. "The way ahead is transitioning to Provincial Iraqi Control (PIC) where they are in the lead in all aspects of running their government."

Coalition forces under Fil's control are assisting in this effort to establish local governance in the provinces of Najaf, Babil,

Karbala and Baghdad.

Provincial reconstruction teams consisting of commanders and staff officers at every level of Fil's command help to move the process along and make Iraqi control a reality.

The Provincial Security Transition Assessment assists in the transition to PIC by providing an evaluation of current conditions and recommendations for the way

ahead.

As the military's lead man in the PSTA process for the four provinces, Fil meets regularly with the governors of each to evaluate progress and discuss the way ahead.

Focused on all aspects of progress

Assessing progress throughout

four Iraqi provinces is a huge undertaking, and the focus is wide-ranging.

"The security situation in the provinces is a primary concern," said Col. William Rabena, effects coordinator for MND-B. "Eventually, Iraqis will be entirely responsible for their own security, economic development, managing government programs, adminis-

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Hands on

Teams train with Afghan soldiers, police

By Spc. Shaina Howard
1st Inf. Div. PAO

Seventy Afghan National Army soldiers and Afghan National Police officers shared language and culture lessons with transition team Soldiers training at Fort Riley in January.

The Afghan soldiers and police also got the opportunity to train with some of the transition team Soldiers who will be heading to Afghanistan after completion of their 60-day training cycle on post.

During their 10-day visit, the Afghans gave their future trainers help with one of the biggest obstacles they'll face as transition team Soldiers, the language barrier. The regular language training the Soldiers receive doesn't allow them to give complex commands, but it does help with the basics, said Maj. David Carey a transition team trainer. "There is a lot you can do with hand signals. You're never going to become an expert, but you want to get to the point you have to have a mutual understanding."

"The language barrier is the hardest aspect of the whole operation. Once they can get around that they have more familiarization with the language and with the culture," said Staff Sgt. Kevin White, a transition team trainer. Once the Soldiers are deployed, that familiarization will help the Soldiers pick up more of the language in country, White added.

Besides getting an edge up on their language skills, the transition team Soldiers got the chance to work side by side with the Afghan forces during their mission readiness exercise.

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An Afghan National Army soldier (right) confronts American Soldiers playing Afghan citizens during a training mission at an urban cluster on Fort Riley. For 10 days, 70 Afghan soldiers and police officers trained at Fort Riley with U.S. Soldiers who will soon be deployed to Afghanistan as transition teams to train soldiers and police.

1st Inf. Div. Howard

Post dining facility named among best

Special to the Post

Fort Riley's Main Post Dining Facility was named runner-up in the Army's 2007 Philip A. Connelly Award competition for food service excellence by a large garrison facility.

The 507th Corps Support Group (Airborne), 1st Sustainment Command (Theater), facility at Fort Bragg, N.C., won first in the large garrison category.

"It's important to maintain the high standards in food service, recognize the personnel and keep the camaraderie and unity up," said Chief Warrant Officer Jasper Lee, food program manager at Fort Riley, about the importance of the recognition.

Evaluators from the U.S. Army Center of Excellence and Subsistence and the International Food Service Executives Association, a professional organization dedicat-

ed to raising food service industry standards, traveled around the world for three months to obtain first-hand knowledge of how Army food service personnel perform their jobs.

All the finalists were evaluated in a number of areas, including food preparation, taste, nutrition, service and sanitation. For this year's competition, a total of 27 finalists were selected for evaluation.

The winners and runners-up will be honored at the Kansas City, (Mo.) Marriott-Downtown on March 31.

At the award ceremony, the winners in all five categories will receive silver bowls and runners-up receive plaques attesting to their significant accomplishments. Certificates of Recognition are provided for all members of the finalists' food service staffs.

Other winners

Other winners in the 2007 Connelly Award competition:

Small garrison winner: 1st Special Forces Group Dining Facility, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Small garrison runner-up: 44th Signal Battalion, Outstanding Cafe, Mannheim, Germany

Active Army field kitchen winner: 8th Ordnance Company, 21st Battalion (Provisional), 507th CSG (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Active Army field kitchen runner-up: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Sustainment Bde., 19th Sustainment Cnd. (Expeditionary), Camp Carroll, Korea

U.S. Army Reserve field kitchen winner: 308th Transportation Company, Lincoln, Neb.

U.S. Army Reserve field kitchen runner-up: 535th Military Police Battalion, Camp Butler, N.C.

U.S. Army National Guard field kitchen winner: 367th Maintenance Company, Mississippi Army National Guard

U.S. Army National Guard field kitchen runner-up: Company D, 429th Brigade Support Battalion, Virginia Army National Guard

Veteran returns to update teams

Soldier shares transition team experiences

By Master Sgt. Jack Lee
1st Bde.

A Fort Riley transition team Soldier home for some rest and recreation stopped by post to visit with transition teams in training to share insights about the Iraqi theater of operation.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Marks, a mobilized Army reservist from Fayetteville, N.C., was more than happy to share his knowledge. "As a student here, I would have liked a veteran to be able to visit with us about the actual job in Iraq," Marks said. "I didn't hesitate to volunteer to return to Fort Riley and talk with the teams." He is but one of many who have volunteered.

This program has been around for a while now. "Having the deployed graduates visit with current trainees has been a real plus for us," said Maj. Brett Gullett, S-3, chief of current operations for the Fort Riley training mission. "We currently have more than 30 transition team members scheduled to rotate through here between now and the first week of March."

Gullett said he has received positive reports from both the returning Soldiers and current TT Soldiers. "From all reports, this is something that everyone seems to think is a very good idea and we will continue to do as long as possible," Gullett said.

Gullett explained the two to three day visits are normally tasked onto a TT Soldier's R and R. "Every effort is made to hook up the veteran with his replacement team and anyone who has been deployed knows how nice it is nice to meet your replacement."

"The TT member in training has the chance to ask many questions and this helps the teams with the fear of the unknown," Gullett said.

But meeting with the replacement team isn't always possible and other measures were taken. Marks visited briefly with the Soldiers of Class 10, who were manifesting, and then with a Border Transition Team from Class 13.

"We were able to talk about his role as a military intelligence officer, the assets he has and the level of support for his team" said Capt. David Salazar, intelligence officer, Class 13. "Although we have different roles — he's a police advisor and we will be a military border team — our jobs are similar in an advisor role capacity."

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ASAP offers training

The Fort Riley Army Substance Abuse Program conducts monthly classes for Soldiers in the rank of sergeant and above who have been selected by unit commanders to assist them as an ASAP subject matter expert.

During the certification process, Soldiers learn how to administer the Unit Biochemical Testing program, assist commanders in briefing new unit personnel regarding ASAP policies, procedures and services, and how to develop, manage and facilitate the ASAP prevention education program to their Soldiers.

Classes are scheduled Jan. 24-25, Feb. 21-22, March 21-22, April 25-26, May 23-24, and June 13-14.

The Unit Prevention Leader Certification Course has a rigorous two-day curriculum with a required final test to achieve UPL certification. The course will be taught from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each scheduled day at the Digital Training Facility in Building 7285.

For information on the Unit

Prevention Leader Certification Course or how to enroll Soldiers for the class, call Clyde Saltee, Fort Riley UPL training coordinator, at 239-1928 or 239-4151.

\$1000 reward offered by CID

The United States Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the armed robbery, by three unknown black males, wearing white hooded sweatshirts. One of the suspected individual(s) had a tattoo on his right forearm of a word written in old English lettering, beginning or ending with the letter "M." The robbery occurred between 6 and 6:40 p.m., Nov. 5, 2006, at the intersection of Jackson and Beaurgard Streets on Fort Riley. Anyone with information concerning this incident is urged to call the Fort Riley CID office at (785) 239-3931, or the military police at (785) 239-6767.

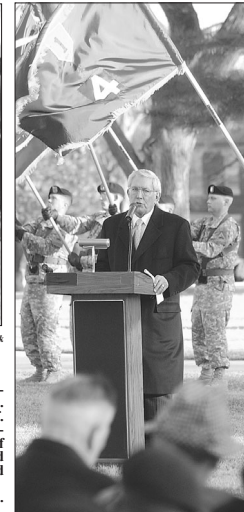


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Showing appreciation

Above: Brig. Gen. James C. Yarbrough, assistant division commander (operations) for the 1st Infantry Division, presents outgoing Kansas Lt. Gov. John E. Moore a special token of appreciation for his civil service on behalf of the 1st Inf. Div. Yarbrough presented the framed 1st Inf. Div. flag and photo to Moore during the retreat ceremony Jan. 10 at Ware Parade Field. Since his assumption of office in 2003 as the state's first full-time lieutenant governor, Moore has served as the Chairman of the Governor's Strategic Military Planning Commission and helped put forth the Kansas Military Bill of Rights.

Right: Moore speaks during the retreat ceremony Jan. 10 at Ware Parade Field.



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Heading out

After 60 days of vigorous training, the wait is finally over for members of Fort Riley Transition Team Class 10, the first team to be trained by the Soldiers of 1st Brigade after their take over of the training.

At Craig Gym the Soldiers weighed-in with their baggage and did a final check. A few words from Brig. Gen. James C. Yarbrough and a prayer by the chaplain was followed by a hearty, "Fall-in two lines!"

Staff Sgt. Wilson Astacio (facing front) rushed to be one of the first in line to board the buses. "I am anxious to get going," he said, yelling to team members to hurry up and fall-in. "The sooner I leave, the sooner I get home to my family."

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One of the exercises began with the joint force planning an operation.

"When it came down to the planning phase, the Afghan soldiers were pretty much ambivalent towards any type of planning," said Lt. Col. Chris Beckert, commander, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, of his observations during the MRX. "If you just tell them what you want, they pretty much figure it out...and they go off and execute it."

After making their way through the planning stage, transition team members and Afghan soldiers moved out to an urban cluster set up as an Afghan village. While American forces secured the main road through the village, Afghan soldiers dismounted from their "humvees" and secured a perimeter.

The troops moved in and started their search. Villagers speaking Dari asked for food and medical aid. The Afghan soldiers resisted, keeping them at arm's length and demanding to speak to the mayor.

"By allowing us to come here to Fort Riley to train with the (transition teams) before they deploy is great," said Maj. Adam Khan, an Afghan National Army officer, overseeing the training. "This will make a difference



1st Inf. Div./Howard

A transition team member and an Afghan National Army soldier (left) speak through an interpreter during a training mission at Fort Riley.

when the (transition teams) arrive in country."

The idea behind the integrated training is to teach American forces what life will be like in the

ater, Beckert said. Also, this allows the American forces to see the personalities of their Afghan counterparts.

"Having the Afghan soldiers

and police officers here to train is essential because it adds so much to the training," Carey said. "This brings the real world to the training."

What's happening in your unit? The Post wants to publicize interesting and informative articles about all organizations stationed at Fort Riley. Call the editor at 239-8854. Let's talk.

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'Blackhorse' reunion to be held

The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment will hold a reunion June 14-17 in Williamsburg, Va. All former and current Blackhorse Troopers are invited to attend the event hosted by the Border Legion, Blackhorse Association.

The event will be held at the Williamsburg Hospitality House, 415 Richmond Highway, Williamsburg, Va. 23185.

For more information, contact Glenn Snodgrass at (703) 250-3064, ggs525@cox.net, or visit the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Web site at www.11thacr.org.

Special Forces seeks officers

U.S. Army Special Forces is seeking male officer volunteers from Year Group '04. Officer packets will be accepted until Feb. 15, but early submission is strongly recommended.

For more information, go to <http://www.bragg.army.mil/specialforces/>.

Army needs broadcasters

Active duty authorizations for Army broadcast specialists—Military Occupation Specialty

46R—will increase over the next three years, and Soldiers interested in cross-training into that MOS are needed.

Soldiers cross-training into the MOS will learn television, radio, announcing and writing skills while learning a very civilian-marketable job skill.

Eligible Soldiers include those on active duty in any MOS and Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers in other MOS's who want to enter active duty.

Soldiers must be in grades E-1 through E-5 and be non-promotable.

For more information, send e-mail to goose.guzior@us.army.mil or call DSN 221-2578.

Suicide prevention classes offered

The Fort Riley Suicide Prevention Program will conduct Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training classes monthly now through March.

Classes are scheduled Jan. 18-19, Feb. 15-16 and March 8-9.

The two-day classes will be taught in the basement classroom at Riley's Conference Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

For more information, call Charles E. Jackson, Fort Riley suicide prevention training coordinator, at the Family and Soldier Support Center, 239-9434 or 239-1012.

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"I'm glad to see Soldiers are coming back to share their experiences," Salazar said. "Soldiers from our eventual forward operations base in Iraq have come back and spoken with us, and that has been very helpful." He added that they have been in e-mail contact, too.

Gullett said that this is but one area where TT training has been updated. "We continually evaluate our training effort and make changes as necessary," Gullett explained.

Marks praised the training he

received at Camp Funston. "As an Army reservist, there was a lot of good and needed training for me," he said. "For instance, I never fired an M-9mm pistol until I was here or had much experience driving a HMMWV." He got plenty of experience with both during his training at Fort Riley. "All-in-all,

what this training did was to prepare me to be careful, that I needed to be conscience and aware – in the right mindset – at all times."

Marks also appreciated the cultural awareness training he received. "The Iraqis seem to

love us to death," he said. "We were very well received and they seemed glad to see us." Working closely with the Iraqis has taught him something, too. The Iraqi police are young and cultural awareness is an ongoing process, Marks said.

"Through an interpreter I told a young policeman I admired his gloves," Marks related. "Well, the next day he tried to give them to me – which is their custom."

"I thanked him and very politely told him that I had a pair and didn't need his," Marks said,

relieved the issue was settled nicely, with no hurt feelings.

Marks can't seem to get away from law enforcement activities. In civilian life, he is the custody and operations deputy warden at the Sampson Correctional Institution, north of Fayetteville.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Marks (right) spends time with battalion transition team member Capt. David Salazar discussing how transition teams function in Iraq.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What is the best advice an NCO gave you that influenced your career?



"Don't drink and drive. It can ruin your career."

Pvt. Bryce Carlson
3rd Bde.



"Take care of your Soldiers and your Soldiers will take care of you."

Staff Sgt. Raul Torres
HHC, 1st Bn., 41 Inf.
Home: San Benito, Texas



"Advice from our E-9's to our young officers was to listen to your NCOs. They'll show you the way."

Air Force Capt. Holli Dunn
Transition Team Class 12
Home: Fresno, Calif.



"Make sure your appearance is straight. The first impression is the last impression."

Spec. Stephen Gamble
2nd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt.
Home: New Orleans



"Keep a copy of everything."

Capt. Sonia Montiel
Irwin Army Medical Center
Home: Marshall, Texas

Letters to the editor:

The Post welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should not contain any libelous statements or personal accusations. Letters accepted for publication must include the writer's full name and a phone number where he or she can be reached.

Letters may be edited to fit space but never edited to change the writer's viewpoint. Send letters to anna.morelock@riley.army.mil or fax them to 239-2592.

Talking from experience

Soldier ignores advice, learns lesson hard way

By Spc. Brian Tierce
1st Inf. Div.

On Sept. 10, I was arrested for driving under the influence.

I am the Soldier who didn't heed my commander or first sergeant's advice. One unforgettable night I chose to go out without a battle buddy. I thought to myself, "I won't get out of control. I'll have a few drinks and go home."

I heard it every Friday in safety briefs. I saw it posted all over the barracks. It's plastered on billboards and talked about on TV and radio. Still, Soldiers continue to drink and drive. I'm proof of that. You may be asking yourself, "Why should I read this? It's just another gripe from someone who wants to crash the party."

Well, I don't want to crash your party; I've already crashed my own.

That night, one drink turned into two, two to three and so on. I met a group of people, and we had a great time. The great time came to a screeching halt when the bars let out. As I left the bar, I had an easy decision to make: call around until someone came to pick me up or risk killing myself and others by driving myself.

Did I do the right thing?

No.

I chose to drive myself home.

I made it a few blocks when I noticed a police cruiser in my rearview mirror. The next thing I knew, lights were flashing, and my heart sank to the floorboard.

I didn't try to fool the police officer. He knew as well as I did that I was too drunk to drive. I failed the breathalyzer and was charged with DUI. At the Manhattan police station, the realization hit. I had just let down my family, my Army and myself. I posted bail and the Fort Riley military police arrived to deliver me back to post.

I arrived at post handcuffed and ashamed. I was left in a small room for hours with nothing to do but think about what I had done wrong.

The next morning carried even more shame and guilt.

One of my senior noncommissioned officers showed up to get me out of custody. I lowered my head and listened as she described what was to come. I don't know if she was more mad or more disappointed at what I had done. I don't know which would have been worse.

Now that I was out of custody it was only a matter of time before my meeting with the commander and first sergeant. That meeting was one of the scariest, most unnerving experiences of my life. Imagine being in front of your commander and first sergeant knowing you committed a crime, feeling the shame of let-

ting them both down, being read your rights, shamefully explaining why you chose to drink and drive, unsure of what punishment was to follow but knowing it would be the crime.

On the inside, I knew I was a great person and dedicated Soldier, but now I was going to be defined by this major error in judgment.

That error in judgment cost so much more than just pride. I lost my on-post driving privileges for one year. I received a general officer's memorandum of reprimand, which is a career killer. I don't want to even mention facing UCMJ action, which can cost rank, pay and possible extra duty.

So far all I have revealed is punishment by the Army; I have yet to even touch base on what a DUI does to your personal life and your standing in the civilian community.

Facing my wife was a different type of shame than facing my commander but it was just as if not more, shameful. It took a piece of my dignity down with it. She was as mad as a wife should be when her husband and the father of her children makes this type of mistake. After much soul-searching and repeated apologies, my wife and I have moved past this egregious mistake but it was a long healing process.

Finally, after being arrested for a DUI, I was faced with an up-hill battle in the court

system. Driving under the influence is taken very seriously by the courts, as well it should be. I was faced with time in jail, loss of money, loss of driving privileges and the loss of free time. I was placed on a very short leash for a very long time.

After all this, I consider myself lucky. I have leaders and a chain of command who held me accountable but still believe in me and want to see me succeed. They have been at my side through this entire debacle. They stepped forward to fight for me and not just let me flap in the wind. I know they were disappointed and mad, but they still stood by my side. I know that every Soldier doesn't have that support.

I have moved forward since this incident and tried to mend all aspects of my life back to where they once were. No matter what happens to me, the fact is all of this could have been prevented if I had taken the common sense steps laid out by the Army in the first place:

Don't go out without a battle buddy.

Don't drink without a designated driver.

Know when to say when, and finally

Don't drink and drive.

If you choose to ignore this advice, take it from me, you will lose more than you can ever imagine.

Legally speaking

Preparing for tax season lessens stress

By Capt. Hobe A. Scholz
Installation Tax Attorney

Income tax season begins with the turn of the new year. Many people dread filing their taxes. However, there are three simple steps you can take now that will make filing your taxes more efficient and painless for everyone involved.

1. Get organized

Certain pieces of information are absolutely necessary in order to file your tax return. Whether you are filing your taxes yourself or having a tax preparer file them for you, organization on your part will save you time and headaches. Having the information in one location will make it easier for you to find it and easier to give it to your tax preparer. Consider organizing these items in an envelope or folder:

- **Your personal data.** Make sure you know your social security number, as well as the social security numbers for your spouse and any children that you are claiming as dependents.
- **Bring your Social Security Cards** with you to the tax preparer. You will also need to know the dates of birth of your spouse and children. If you have children in child care make sure you get the child care provider's tax identification number and a statement showing how much you paid for child care services.

- **Your address.** If you moved this year, make sure that you know your current address as well as any other addresses where you may have lived during 2006.

- **Your W-2 forms.** For military members, print your W-2 forms from the myPay Web site. If you are married and your spouse worked, you will need your spouse's W-2 forms as well.

- **Your 1099 forms.** These

forms are sent by banks or brokerages and show the income that you earned on interest-bearing accounts and taxable dividends.

- **IRA contributions.** Contributions to a tax-deferred IRA can reduce your taxable income. You should receive a form from the company managing your IRA listing your contributions.

- **Mortgage interest and student loan interest payments.** These forms, from your lender, show how much of your payments over the year went towards interest. Your lender should mail these around the first of the year.

- **Rental property receipts.** If you own rental property, you must report the rents received as income. You may be able to reduce your taxable income by keeping receipts that show your expenses related to the upkeep of the property.

- **Other receipts.** If you plan on itemizing your deductions, you must have proof of the various deductions that you are claiming.

2. Decide your status.

Most people know if they are single or married. Issues may arise with those in the middle of a divorce or those who have sole custody of a minor child.

- If you are single and have no children, file as single.

- If you are married, with or without children, it is to your

advantage to file as married filing jointly. Even if your spouse is deployed, or you are separated, it is still in your favor to file your return jointly.

- If you are in the middle of a divorce, and you cannot agree how to divide the refund, you may have no other option but to file as married filing separately.

- Single parents may qualify to file as a head of household.

Your filing status will impact the amount of taxes you owe. Make sure you understand the impact your status will have on your return.

3. Get filed.

All your organization and decisions will be for nothing if you do not actually file your return.

The IRS will not give you a refund, even if you are entitled to one, if you do not file a return. You can file your return by yourself or if you are an active-duty Soldier, family member or retiree you can have the Fort Riley Tax Center file your return.

The Tax Center will e-file your federal return, prepare your state return and help you get your refund as quickly as possible. The Fort Riley Tax Center is located in Building 7464B, directly across from the Bowling Center on Custer Hill. The phone number for the Tax Center is (785) 239-1040.

Remember, taxes may seem overwhelming, but with proper planning and help you can make your tax season a successful one.

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tration and infrastructure.

"It's the same thing any state governor would do back in America," Rabena added.

Rabena said the PSTA program evaluates progress in each of the provinces, based on criteria laid out from the Multi-National Force - Iraq.

"Maj. Gen. Fil makes recommendations on the means to keep the process moving forward to the military's top leadership and, ultimately, to the prime minister," Rabena said.

In every neighborhood

"It all starts with Soldiers on the streets," said Capt. Leo Prescott, an operations and plans officer with MND-B who works closely on the PSTA program. "That local presence patrol assists in maintaining security, but they

also encourage Iraqi security forces to take an active role in the effort through face-to-face interaction."

Prescott said improving the security situation in every neighborhood is the number one priority for troops on the ground, and creating the conditions where local government can operate to make improvements.

"We're partners in their future, ensuring their success and negating sectarian violence," he said. "We're encouraging the people of Iraq to cherish progress and denounce Muslim on Muslim violence."

At the local level, battalion and company commanders meet with Neighborhood Advisory Councils. The NACs consist of local politicians and governmental representatives focused on the same issues at the neighborhood level.

The goal, Prescott said, is to ensure Iraqi police, firemen, security forces and infrastructure program improvements are addressed, and implemented. It's here, Prescott noted, that a hand shake and a smile can mean more than any governmental edict.

"Our Soldiers on patrol talk with local leaders - local residents, scholars, hospital administrators, fire, police and ISF members," Prescott said. "There's an American flag on our shoulders, evident in each neighborhood, showing our commitment to the future of the Iraqi people."

District advisory councils

At the district level, local concerns are addressed and funding issues for improvement projects are discussed.

"Issues bubble up from the local level, to the district level, to the provincial level and finally, the

national level," said Maj. Craig Berryman, the deputy effects coordinator for MND-B. "The focus remains on improving daily living conditions - providing trash pick-up, a functional sewage system, fresh water and electricity. Infrastructure improvements continue to be made throughout the districts because of the cooperative efforts at local levels."

Berryman, on his second deployment to Iraq, said he's seen improvements in the Iraqi capital since the 1st Cavalry Division left in early 2005.

"When I'm out, I see a lot less trash than two years ago," Berryman said. "It's been cleaned up. I see a lot of new buildings in parts of Baghdad, and more cell phone and communication towers throughout the city. In some places, there's new pavement."

"These are all physical, concrete signs of improvement in the two years since this division was

last here," he said.

Baghdad a focal point

"Baghdad is the center of gravity for the entire country," Fil said. "In many ways, as Baghdad goes, so goes Iraq."

Fil said the importance of the Iraqi capital to the future freedom of the Iraqi people cannot be overvalued.

"Baghdad is the cultural, social and economic center of the country," he continued. "It's a reflection of the Iraqi soul. It's why the coalition focused so much of its efforts here in the capital ... to give the people of Iraq a choice, a chance and a new future."

Master Sgt. Dave Larsen writes for 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs.

Post, Army news briefly

Laundry services provided on post

The laundry Drop Off/Pick Up Point for services provided by PENN Enterprises, Inc. is located at Building 229, the old commissary, on Custer Avenue. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

These services are offered to all military personnel for cleaning of most Central Issue Facility items and are turned around within three days.

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Chaplains offer Bible retreat

Walk through the Old Testament from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 3 at Fort Riley's Main Post Chapel. Presenter Chap. Terry Hayes will provide insight and understanding of the Bible in a fun and creative way. Free childcare is available for children 6 weeks to 5 years old. To sign up for the retreat contact Don Ericson at 239-0979 or e-mail don.ericson@riley.army.mil. Participants needing childcare must sign by Jan. 29.

JC baseball teams forming

An information and interest meeting will be held for the Junction City Junior Baseball Association at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Junction City High School cafeteria. Teams will be forming for kids 9 through 14 years of age. Tryout dates will be announced at the meeting Feb. 11. If selected, there will be a \$100 fee per player and out of town travel is involved. For more information contact Jim Poole at 238-6332, Larry Morgan at 761-9470 or James LeClear at 209-1991.

New fitness center hours

Beginning Feb. 1 the King Field House and Robinson Fitness Center will have the following hours:

Mon.-Fri. - 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Also beginning Feb. 1, Long Fitness Center and Craig Fitness Center will close for use.

Riley's offers dinner for two

Give your sweetheart a Valentine gift to remember at the Sweetheart Dinner and Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. Feb. 17 at Riley's Conference Center. The \$50 fee includes dinner for two, champagne and dancing.

A DJ will provide romantic music throughout the evening. A cash bar will also be available.

Dinner for two gift certificates go on sale Jan. 23. For tickets contact Riley's Conference Center at 784-1000 or Information, Ticketing and Registration at 239-5614. The last day to purchase certificates is Feb. 9.

Dodgeball tournament set

Come knock yourself out at the Fort Riley Dodgeball Extravaganza.

The fun will begin at 9 a.m. Feb. 10 at King Field House. The tournament is open to all active duty and local civilian teams. Participants must be at least 18 years old. Sign-up begins Jan. 22 at the Sports Office located in King Field House, Building 202. The registration fee per team is \$60. Dodgeballs are available at King Field House for those wishing to improve their skills before the big day.

Stay in Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Conservation Notes

Poachers roaming post steal from all of us

By B. Craig Phillips
Conservation Branch, PW

A thief is roaming the training areas of Fort Riley. He isn't stealing equipment, or fuel or any other kind of real property, he's stealing an opportunity from law-abiding citizens. He's stealing a unique recreational opportunity and you should fight back.

The thief, or perhaps thieves, is a poacher. Someone has been shooting elk

on Fort Riley with a small-caliber rifle or pistol and leaving the carcasses behind.

Fort Riley's conservation officers need your help in apprehending those responsible. Poaching is often viewed as a victimless crime since there is usually no apparent and direct harm to any human being. But those of us who are charged with managing Fort Riley's natural resources know better.

All species of wildlife are a limited resource. An area can only support so many animals, and that number

depends on the amount of food and shelter available, on how many offspring the animals can produce, and how often.

Biologists use the term, "fecundity," to describe the reproductive ability of animals. A species with high fecundity produces a higher number of offspring and perhaps does so several times each year, while species with low fecundity may have only one or two offspring once per year. The fecundity of a species has a lot to do with how many can be safely harvested by hunters, while

maintaining a viable population. Elk have a relatively low fecundity, with each mature female producing only one calf, or perhaps two calves, each year.

Fort Riley wildlife managers work with managers from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in determining how many elk tags to issue each hunting season. Factors that we consider include the population of elk on and near post, the ratio of males to females in

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Drawing dreams



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Posters by Fort Riley elementary students decorate Riley's Conference Center Jan. 10 in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. observance.

Speaker recalls role in desegregation

By Anna Morelock
Editor

Elizabeth Eckford who made history as a member of the Little Rock Nine, one of

the nine African-American students who desegregated Little Rock Central High School in 1957 spoke Jan. 10 at Riley's Conference Center during Fort Riley's Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance.

Eckford, who called herself "a 65-year-

old relic of the past" recalled her shier past when as a 15 year old she was one of the first students to attend a desegregated school in Little Rock, Ark.

"The civil rights movement was accom-

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Picerne to hold 'town talks' to listen



By Beth Ernst
Communications Manager

Picerne Military Housing will hold Town Talk meetings to inform and listen to residents about their neighborhoods. Each neighborhood manager and maintenance supervisor will attend, as well as the program director and community management director.

"This is a great opportunity for

our customers to let us know how we are doing and how we can serve them better," said John Pearsall, Picerne's community management director.

Picerne Military Housing's goals and objectives for Town Talk meetings are to fully understand the expectations of residents, share the benefits of privatization, ensure the needs of residents are being met, and provide a preview of neighborhood devel-

opment activities.

Meetings will be held:

- **Main Post** residents will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 29 at Riley's Conference Center

- **Ellis Heights, Warner Heights and Peterson Place** residents will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 30 at Fort Riley Middle School.

- **McClellan Place and Colyer Manor** residents will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 31 at Fort Riley Middle School.

Ware Elementary receives Challenge award

By Charles Volland
USD 475

Ware Elementary has qualified for six Kansas Challenge Award certificates of merit from the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force.

The school earned the awards in both math and reading in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. The Challenge Award program recognizes schools for outstanding achievement and uncommon accomplishment based on 2006 Kansas Assessment results and other qualifying factors such as the

socio-economic status of the students taking the test. Ware will be recognized at the state Challenge Awards Banquet on Jan. 31, at Lakewood Middle School in Salina.

The Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force is a coalition of member organizations

including the American Association of University Women, Kansas PTA, Kansas NEA, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas School Public Relations Association, Kansas State High School Activities Association, and the United School Administrators of Kansas.

'Black Lions' prepare families

1st Bn., 28th Inf.

There are two sides to every Soldier - the Soldier at work and the Soldier at home. In preparing for their upcoming deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry "Black Lions" have been busy preparing for the deployment on the work-side of the house with solid physical training, weapon qualification ranges, live-fire exercises and a National Training Center rotation. At the same time, the "Black Lions" are also busy preparing things on the home front.

"Both common sense and science tells us that people who have things squared away at home are going to be more productive at work," said Chap. (Capt.) Barron Wester, "Black Lion" battalion chaplain. "For Soldiers that means when they have peace of mind about what's going on at home they are able to focus on the mission - they do a better job, behave ethically and are more conscious of safety."

In helping Soldiers prepare their families for deployment, the "Black Lions" worked with the audio-visual experts in the Visual Information Support Center at Fort Riley to execute "Operation Story Time." Soldiers were filmed reading children's books. During the deployment, children will be able to watch their parent reading favorite bedtime stories in order to provide comfort and continuity for them.

Another way the "Black Lions" have helped families prepare for the upcoming deployment is by offering a "Strong Bonds" marriage retreat at Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City. The two-day event included training in communication skills necessary to discuss "hot-button" marital issues without the conversation escalating into an argument.

"This kind of training is very important to us," said "Black Lion" spouse and retreat participant Felicia Peterson. "With the added stress of a deployment, even small things can end up causing a fight and I don't want to spend our last few weeks together arguing."

After activating in January 2006 the "Black Lions" and other units of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team faced an aggressive year of training, which often kept the Soldiers away from their families. As the Soldiers near their deployment, family time is becoming precious. "As we returned from our NTC rotation, the battalion enforced a standard duty day and made family time a priority," said Pfc. Luke Benner. "Spending quality time with our families is the most important thing we can do before we deploy."





Community news briefly

Spinning classes offered on post

Spinning Classes have wheeled their way to Fort Riley's King Field House. Spinning simulates real cycling terrain in a group fitness setting. Spinning classes are offered:

- Monday - 9 to 10 a.m.
- Wednesday - 9 to 10 a.m.
- Friday - 9 to 10 a.m.
- Thursday - 6 to 7 a.m. (free class) and 6 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday - 9 to 10 a.m.

Turbo Kick offered

Change up your cardio workout with Turbo Kick, a combination of boxing, kickboxing, and hip-hop moves.

Turbo Kick is offered Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. at King Field House.

Hip hop aerobics scheduled

Move your body to the beat of a new type of aerobics. Hip Hop Aerobics teaches you a routine while burning calories. The lunchtime class is free. Hip Hop Aerobics is offered 12:15 to 1 p.m. Mondays at King Field House.

Super Bowl party scheduled

Invite your friends to Rally Point for Super Bowl Sunday and leave the preparing and cleaning up to someone else. Rally Point is offering free admission to watch the 41st Super Bowl on their four 100-inch TVs.

The doors will open at 3 p.m. to start airing the pre-game show. For more information contact 785-784-5733.

ESC to meet

The Enlisted Spouses Club will have their general membership meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 31 at Custer Hill Lanes on Fort Riley. Members will have a short meeting then do some bowling. Childcare is available. Please RSVP to Amy Scarpulla at 717-2753 or ascarpulla@gmail.com by Jan. 29.

Bring 'right arm' to Rally Point

Give your "Right Arm" a night of pampering with wings and beverages at Fort Riley's Right Arm Night, Feb. 8 at Rally Point. The fun will begin at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

Contact Rally Point at 239-8161 for additional information.

Parenting class offered

Active Parenting of Teens, a parenting program for parents with teens, is hosting a two-hour workshop for "Overcoming the Power Struggle." The workshop will address topics such as: curfew, chores, clothing, school, dating and more.

Registration for this workshop is free and open to military and non-military families. The workshop will begin at 6 p.m. on Jan. 22.

For additional information or to register contact the Family Advocacy Program at 239-9435 or Building 7264 on Normandy Drive.

Start Smart sports scheduled

The first meetings for Start Smart Winter Sports and Start Smart Basketball are both scheduled for Jan. 22 at the Youth Center, Building 5800.

Start Smart is an instructional program for kindergartners and their parents and is designed to prepare children for organized team sports, in a fun, non-stressful environment. Basic skill instructions in basketball and baseball will be offered, in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

Youth must register with Central Enrollment and Registration for Child and Youth Services. For more information call 239-9222.

CYS set to move

Central Enrollment and Registration for Child & Youth Services will be re-located from its current location at Building 7434 on Parker Street to Building 6620, beginning Jan. 22.

Services will temporarily be provided at Building 6620 A, from January 22-23. Building 6620 A is the new Child Development Center located on Normandy Drive, next to Building 6620. Starting January 24 services will permanently be provided at Building 6620.

Offices included in the move are:

CYS Central Enrollment and Registration, CYS Administrative offices, Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills (SKIES), and Family Child Care

For more information contact 239-4920 or 240-2362.



Post file photo

A herd of elk wanders the training area at Fort Riley. Due to poachers illegally hunting the animals, fewer than 15 elk tags will be offered for the 2007 hunting season on post.

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the herd, the age structure of the herd and the anticipated hunter success rate. When there is a high overall population, a high ratio of males to females, a high ratio of older animals and low hunter success rate there is more "room" to allow for harvest.

It stands to reason that if we have a number of elk killed by poachers, we won't be able to have as many tags available for legal hunters. Poachers reduce the overall population by taking animals illegally and, in the current case, reducing the ratio of males to females by mainly taking adult male elk. Those are elk that legal hunters won't ever get a chance to hunt. Obviously, those animals are now dead, so hunters won't get to pursue them, and because of the poacher's actions, Fort Riley managers will recommend to KDWP that we have fewer elk tags available next year.

Clearly this is not a victimless crime. If you are one of the hundreds of people who plan to apply for an elk per-

Can you help?

If you have seen someone acting suspiciously in an area elk are known to frequent, heard someone bragging about illegally shooting an elk, or heard or seen anything else that might lead conservation officers to this poacher, please call the conservation officers at 239-8940, or the military police desk at 239-6767.

mit on Fort Riley in 2007, you are a victim of this crime. The poacher stole from you. His selfish and irresponsible actions may well have taken away your once-in-a-lifetime chance to hunt elk on Fort Riley.

In 2006, we issued 15 bull elk tags. We haven't yet decided how many to issue in 2007, in part because we aren't certain how many elk this poacher may have killed. But suffice to say it will

be fewer than 15; perhaps much fewer.

Even if you don't hunt elk, this poacher has stolen from you, too. He has reduced your chances of seeing a majestic bull elk silhouetted against a colorful fall sky.

You should be mad...very mad. You should want to see this poacher caught immediately and punished for his crime. What can you do? If you are a Soldier, think back to your time in the field this fall. Did you ever see someone acting suspiciously in areas where elk are known to frequent? Did you see someone shooting at signs or other objects? Have you heard of anyone bragging about illegally shooting an elk, a deer or anything else? Have you heard or seen anything that might lead conservation officers to this thief? If so, call conservation officers at 239-8940 or the military police at 239-6767.

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plished by unknown people like me as well as famous people like Dr. Martin Luther King," Eckford told the crowd.

In 1957, "there were nine of us," Eckford recalled. The second year the schools were closed. The third year of desegregation in Little Rock there were three students, including two of the original nine. "By 1965 there were 100 negro students in formerly white schools," she said.

"You can't always predict the outcome of change," Eckford told the crowd.

Eckford's awards include the nation's highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, which was awarded to her by President Bill Clinton in 1999.

Before Eckford spoke to the group gathered in honor of "America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality," as Lt. Col. Robert Foutz referred to King, Foutz and Brig. Gen. James Yarbrough presented certificates of achievement to elementary students who participated in a poster contest.



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Brig. Gen. James Yarbrough, assistant division commander - operations, 1st Inf. Div., hands a certificate of achievement to Kenneth Bentley a 1st grader at Morris Hill Elementary. Bentley won the poster contest for the first grade category. A winner was picked from each grade level.

Scholarship applications available

The Fort Riley Combined Scholarship Committee (FRCSC) offers undergraduate college and vocational school scholarships to Fort Riley affiliated high school seniors, current college/vocational students, and spouses of active, retired, or deceased military members.

FRCSC was created to facilitate and centralize the process of applying for educational scholarships offered by various organizations on Fort Riley and the surrounding community.

Instead of having students apply for each organization's scholarship, the FRCSC receives scholarship monies from the organizations and conducts one application and selection process.

In 2006, the FRCSC received \$10,305 in contributions and distributed scholarships to thirteen students, including five high school seniors, three spouses, and five college students.

Applications are now available through local high schools or online at www.riley.army.mil. Applications can also be requested by e-mailing fortrileyscholarship@hotmail.com.

Deadline for the application is March 10.

For more information, contact Juliet Follansbee, FRCSC Chairperson at 785-784-9927 or e-mail: fortrileyscholarship@hotmail.com.

Home wanted

Nikki

This is Nikki. She is a 1-year-old, Collie-Husky mix looking for a home. She is up-to-date on all her vaccinations, has a microchip and seems to be housebroken. Nikki gets along great with children and other dogs.

To adopt Nikki or one of the other homeless animals at the Fort Riley Stray Facility stop in Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call 239-3886.

The Stray Animal Facility is located in Building 226 Custer Avenue on Main Post.



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MAC to hold auditions for 'Robin Hood' cast, crew

Manhattan Arts Center

The Manhattan Arts Center announces the kick off of MACademy, its new youth theatre program with the Missoula Children's Theatre tour production of "Robin Hood." The Missoula Children's Theatre is a traveling performance group, providing the director, scenery, and costumes. Auditions will be held at 4 p.m. Jan. 22 for students grades K-12. There are many parts available, not just for actors, but for assistant

directors and tech positions. There is a \$30 participation fee for students who are cast. Scholarships are available for students on the free or reduced lunch program. An exciting week of rehearsals will be held, finishing with performances at 3 and 7 p.m. Jan.

For more information, e-mail boxoffice@manhattanarts.org, call 537-4420 visit www.manhattanarts.org. Tickets for the performance are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

MAC play follows love through correspondence

Manhattan Arts Center

The Manhattan Arts Center presents a Hear & Now Staged Reading, "Love Letters" starring Mary Elizabeth Atwood and Paul Berger. The one-time performance will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 28.

"Love Letters" follows the life-long correspondence of staid, dutiful lawyer Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, played by Paul Berger, and the lively, unstable artist Melissa Gardner played by Mary Elizabeth Atwood. Starting with a childhood birthday thank you note, the story of their bitter-sweet relationship gradually unfolds from what is written — and what is left unsaid — in their

letters. The performance is directed by Paul Berger.

There will be a \$5 suggested donation at the door. A reception will follow the performance. For more information, visit the Manhattan Arts Center on the Web at www.manhattanarts.org, e-mail boxoffice@manhattanarts.org or call 537-4420.

The Manhattan Arts Center is funded in part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Additional funding comes from the City of Manhattan and MAC members and friends.

New exhibit gallery to open in Abilene

Special to the post

Explore Kansas history through new exhibits at the Dickinson County Heritage Center in Abilene. The Dickinson County Historical Society will host an open house for its new gallery from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 21.

This year the Dickinson County Historical Society will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the county. The county was named for Senator Daniel Dickinson of New York. Within the new exhibit visitors will get to see who this man was. The opening of the new

exhibit gallery will be the first of several events celebrating this historic event.

Another new exhibit will be on the Elmo Fossil Beds, a unique piece of history that has almost been forgotten. The exhibit will tell the story of the fossil bed, one of the most well-known prehis-

toric insect fossil finds in the world.

Director Jeff Sheets will give a short dedication address and the gallery will be opened at 2 p.m. The Heritage Center is located at 412 S. Campbell, just east of the Eisenhower Center. For more information call (785) 263-2681.

What's happening in your organization?
The Post wants to publicize articles about events in the Fort Riley area.
Call the editor at 239-8854. Let's talk.

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Leisure time ideas

ITR helps plan get-aways

The Information, Ticketing and Registration office in Building 6918 at Fort Riley has lots of travel information, and the staff can help set up brief trips and longer vacations.

Here's a sampling of what ITR has to offer:

Harlem Globetrotters — Discounted tickets are now available for the Harlem Globetrotters. The Globetrotters are coming to two Kansas locations in January.

Jan 27 - Topeka, Kan.
Jan 28 - Wichita, Kan.
Tickets are now available through ITR. Call ITR, Bldg 6918 (across from PX) at 239-5614 or 239-4415.

Manhattan:

What: Vanguard Jazz Orchestra

When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3

Where: McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University

Tickets: Public \$31-\$35, students and children \$15.50 to \$17.50, military, seniors and faculty \$29 to \$33.

Phone: (785) 532-6428

Web site: www.ksu.edu/mccain

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What: "The Barber of Seville" with Orchestra

When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9

Where: McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University

Tickets: Public \$36-\$40, students and children \$18 to \$20, military, seniors and faculty \$34 to \$38.

Phone: (785) 532-6428

Web site: www.ksu.edu/mccain

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What: "Dark at the Top of the Stairs." Drama stage pro-

duction by William Inge

When: Feb. 8-10 and 14-17

Where: Nichols Theatre, Kansas State University

Tickets: \$8 to \$15

Phone: (785) 532-6428

Web site: www.ksu.edu/scld

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What: "Man of La Mancha"

When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14

Where: McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University

Tickets: Public \$36-\$40, students and children \$18 to \$20, military, seniors and faculty \$34 to \$38.

Phone: (785) 532-6428

Web site: www.ksu.edu/mccain

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What: "Proof." Drama stage production by David Auburn.

When: Feb. 23-24 and March 1-4

Where: Manhattan Arts Center, 1520 Poyntz Ave.

Tickets: \$9 to \$16

Phone: (785) 537-4420

Web site: www.manhattanarts.org

Topeka:

What: Piecing It Together: Selected Quilts from the Kansas Museum of History

When: Now to Feb. 18, 2007

Where: 6425 SW 6th Ave., Kansas Museum of History

Phone: (785) 272-8681

Web site: www.ksmhs.org

Wamego:

What: "Jesus Christ Superstar." Musical stage production.

When: April 13-15, 19-22 and 26-29

Where: Columbian Theater, 521 Lincoln Ave.

Phone: (800) 456-2029

Web site: www.columbiantheatre.com

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